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## Schauer Press Release



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## **BATTLE CREEK RECEIVES** \$48,000 CLEAN WATER GRANT

LANSING—State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) announced today that the City of Battle Creek will receive over \$48,000 in a water protection grant from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

"Michigan is blessed with one of the world largest fresh water supplies. With that privilege comes increased responsibility for the stewardship of this important natural resource," said Sen. Schauer. "This is an excellent example of how we can coordinate state and local efforts to build safer, stronger communities."

The funds were awarded through DEQ's Wellhead Protection Program. The program provides resources to assist communities with the identification and management of groundwater contamination. Communities use the funding to delineate the land area contributing drinking water to their public wells, identify potential contaminants within that area, and implement management strategies and educational activities to protect the water supply.

"The guarantee that quality water will come out of your tap every time your turn it on is important to every member of our community," said Sen. Schauer. "Grants like these help to ensure that Battle Creek residents will have access to clean and safe drinking water now and in the future."

In all, over 50 communities received a total of \$682,000. More grants will be awarded next year.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.